Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 20 May 2022 until 23:59 on Saturday 21 May 2022

Forecast Issued on Thursday 19 May 2022 at 16:39 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low for timing of rain and subsequent clearance on Friday. High for changeable weather over the weekend but low for extent of rain or showers on a daily basis.

Headline for Friday 20 May 2022: Mostly dry morning, rain spreading east in the afternoon

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 20 May 2022

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy rain showers	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
00%	00%	10%	20%	60%	460%	40%	20%

Forecast for Friday 20 May 2022

Weather: Mostly dry in the morning, some low cloud across Skye. Then thickening cloud will bring outbreaks of rain from the west during the afternoon, some of this will be heavy and possibly thundery at times. Drier and clearer weather will spread from the west from late afternoon onwards, although some uncertainty in the timing of this. A few showers still likely in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 50%

Low cloud and visibility: Areas of cloud down to 700 metres at first across the north, summits mostly cloud free elsewhere in the morning. Cloud will become somewhat more extensive as rain arrives in the afternoon, down to 600 to 900 metres, but this becoming less widespread as the rain clears later.

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Forecast for Friday 20 May 2022

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	41/47 S	37/44 S	36/43 S	36/44 S	32/40 SW	24/30 SW	23/29 SW	24/30 SW	24/30 SW
900	37/43 S	34/41 S	33/40 S	34/42 S	31/39 SW	23/30 SW	22/29 SW	23/29 SW	23/30 SW
600	23/31 S	22/29 S	23/30 S	26/34 S	24/32 SW	17/24 SW	17/23 SW	16/22 SW	16/23 SW
300	3/28 S	4/27 S	5/26 S	9/30 S	9/30 SW	8/23 SW	8/23 SW	6/21 SW	7/22 SW
Glen	11/27 S	11/25 S	12/26 S	13/27 S	14/26 SW	11/20 SW	11/20 SW	9/19 SW	9/20 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	5/-2	4/-3	4/-3	4/-2	5/-1	4/-1	4/-2	4/-2	3/-3
900	6/-1	5/-1	5/-2	5/-1	6/0	5/-0	5/-1	4/-1	4/-2
600	8/4	8/3	7/2	8/3	8/4	8/4	7/3	7/3	6/2
300	10/10	10/9	10/9	11/9	11/9	10/8	10/8	9/7	8/6
Glen	13/10	12/10	12/10	13/11	13/10	12/10	12/10	11/9	10/9
Freezing Level*	1700m	1800m	1700m	1700m	1700m	1600m	1500m	1500m	1500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Strong winds at summit level leading to notable wind chill, and drenching conditions in afternoon rain

Forecast for Saturday 21 May 2022
Weather: After a dry start outbreaks of rain will spread from the southwest by the end of the morning. The rest of the day will be cloudy with rain at times, this turning persistent across Wester Ross and Lochaber by evening. Ranges towards the Moray coast are likely to see less rain and more in the way of dry weather.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 25 to 35 mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40%, best chance across the northeast of the area

Low cloud and visibility: Patchy cloud down to 700 metres across western and southern ranges at first, this lifting on to summits by the end of the morning. Low cloud down to 500 to 800 metres becoming extensive across the south and west of the region in the afternoon and evening, but patchy in nature across Caithness and Easter Ross.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 6 rising to 15 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 7 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits

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